

Condensed Cream of Menace of the LASFS

Meeting #4471

April 20, 2023

Scribe: Heath "Scribbles" Row

Call to Order

Cathy Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

Hatchings and Dispatchings (Nick Smith)

Hatchings

- Author Peter Beagle
- Actor George Takei
- Actor Bruce Cabot
- Actor Louise Jameson
- Susan Fox
 - Actor Clint Howard
 - Actor Ian Alexander
 - Actor Andy Serkis
 - Actor Crispin Glover

Dispatchings

- Australian fan, author, editor, and photographer Lee Harding
- Matthew B. Tepper
 - Canadian fan John Mansfield
 - Fan Denny Lien
- Cathy Johnson called for a moment of silence in honor of Harding, Mansfield, and Lien

Media anniversary

Conquest of Space (1955)

Reading of the Minutes (Heath Row)

Scribbles read the minutes for April 13, 2023.

Additions and Corrections

- None

Auction to Name the Minutes

Eylat Poliner bid \$5, won, and named them "No Spoilers for *Picard*, Please."

Call for Approval

Moved to accept as read, and approved.

Celebration of Patron Saints

Stan Burns was celebrated and recognized by Charles Lee Jackson II. Burns received three cheers.

June and Len Moffatt were celebrated and recognized by Tad Daley, Nola Frame-Gray, J.P. Van Gordon, Jackson, and Heide Nichols. The Moffatti received three cheers.

Committee Reports

- Loscon 49 meeting April 29

Honor Guard (Charles Lee Jackson II)

The Spot of Honor is held by SCIFI.radio.

Registrar (Eylat Poliner)

We are joined by special guest David Brin. There were no guests otherwise.

Treasurer (Debra Levin and Elayne Pelz)

Elayne Pelz reminded members to pay their dues, four times.

Board Report (Michelle Pincus)

Eylat Poliner stood in for Michelle Pincus.

There is a board meeting April 23 at 11 a.m.

Time-Bound Announcements

- Eylat Poliner: The Greater Angeleno Gourmet Society (GAGS) will meet at 4 p.m. April 22 at Papa Cristo's
- Heide Nichols: Costume-Con is this weekend in the Bay Area

Special Guest: David Brin

Brin discussed the SpaceX launch, the death of Greg Bear, the health challenges of Gregory Benford, Kim Stanley Robinson's *Ministry of the Future* and consulting with the United Nations, NASA's Innovative & Advanced Concepts program, Afrofuturism, Indian and Chinese science fiction, the value of exploring the edges of what it means to be human, the acceleration of inclusion, his recent books, and the need to proselytize science fiction as a literature among educators and youth.

Reviews

- Matthew B. Tepper reported that the finale to *Picard* is satisfying.

Miscellaneous

- Charles Lee Jackson II reported that the TCM Classic Film Festival wasn't a super

spreader event but was darn close.

- J.P. Van Gordon encouraged conventions in libraries and schools.
- Nola Frame-Gray remarked that fannish events also need to focus on accessibility. She found using the Libby mobile app challenging.
- Cathy Johnson reminded LASFS members about the aftermeeting.

Call to Adjourn

Susan Fox so moved. That was seconded. The ayes had it.